

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

Young Internists Assembly Geneva 14th May 2014

Minutes

Present (National Representatives):

Carla Araujo, Portugal (Chair)
Frauke Weidanz, UK (Secretary)
Ieva Ruza, Latvia (Treasurer)
Lenka Bosanska, Germany/Czech Republic (Past Chair)
Caterina Delcea, Romania
Mikko Parry, Finland
Ewelina Biskup, Switzerland
Xavier Roux, France (Subcommittee member)
Andreia Vilas-Boas, Portugal
Vikas Sarna, Norway
Sandra Kasnauskiene, Lithuania
Pablo Demelo Rodriguez, Spain
Javier Moreno Diaz, Spain
Burcin Halacli, Turkey
Alberto Marra, Italy (SIMI) (Subcommittee member)
Monique Slee, Netherlands (Subcommittee member)
Alexis Mueller-Marbach, Germany

In attendance (visiting Young Internists):

Ana Alwina Stan, Romania
Ieva Zostautiene, Norway
Monica Bivol, Norway
Lorenzo Nobili, Italy
William Capeci, Italy
Lisa Albani, Italy
Giuseppe Pio Martino, Italy
Cristina Teixeira Pinto, Portugal
Ieva Sileikiene, Lithuania
Mariangela Di Lillo, Italy
Roger Duckitt, UK (to report on EFIM website development)

Agenda:

- 1) **Welcome and Introduction**
- 2) **Chair Report: Carla Araújo**
- 3) **Secretary Report: Frauke Weidanz**
- 4) **European Curriculum in Internal Medicine: Monique Slee**
- 5) **Discussion Round-National YI Activities**
- 6) **Young Internists Surveys**
- 7) **Portuguese YI Project: What we value in a Tutor: Cristina Teixeira Pinto**
- 8) **New YI Subcommittee Position: election**
- 9) **Any other business**

Minutes	Action Points
<p>1. Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Carla Araujo welcomed the assembly, followed by a brief introduction round</p>	
<p>2. Chair report</p> <p>Carla Araujo summarised our mission, structure and activities and presented plans for the YI Day on 16 May. She asked the assembly to promote YI activities as well as the EFIM journals, CRS and schools in their national groups and announced that the European Journal of Case Reports in Internal Medicine is looking for reviewers.</p>	<p>All – disseminate information / promote events in your national YI groups</p>
<p>3. Secretary report</p> <p>The minutes of the last YI assembly were approved and Frauke Weidanz summarised activities of the subcommittee since the last assembly. Next meetings were announced - date of next assembly TBC (during AC meeting in Estonia 25 – 27 September 2014). Ways of communicating were discussed and assembly members encouraged to feedback ideas throughout the year and make use of the interactive new website.</p>	<p>All – register on new website, use fora and feedback ideas to Frauke</p>
<p>4. European Curriculum in Internal Medicine:</p> <p>Monique Slee explained the objectives of EBIM. The board developed from the competencies WG after a survey of European training programmes. It is a joint venture between EFIM and UEMS who have more political power. EBIM aims to define minimal standards in training internists across Europe, which is challenging due to the different health care systems and models of training eg common trunk versus Internal Medicine + subspecialty versus Internal Medicine separately. EBIM has a clear strategy and timeline to produce a common curriculum. View of the assembly were invited:</p> <p>Some Assembly members voiced concerns that the prescribed length of training may be much longer than current training in these countries and the cost of lengthening training may threaten the specialty. Some suggested a move to a more competency-based programme rather than time-based criteria. The relevance of</p>	

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<p>5. Discussion Round - National YI Activities</p> <p>All YI assembly members were given the opportunity to share ideas and present activities from their national groups. Summary of main points:</p> <p>Finland – planning to participate in exchange Norway – growing group, completed survey on emergency room work, run a successful journal Romania – organise summer school, use FB for communication, run workshops on stats/ecg/how to publish etc. Czech Republic – yearly research competition with ESIM attendance as prize; planned international congress (PEDIM) in Prague in September with YI day Latvia – finally a YI is co-opted to the national board, preparing ESIM winter school (Riga January 2015) Germany – still lacking explicit support from the board for some activities; new development is the ‘alliance of young doctors’, encouraging communication between junior groups from different specialties. Netherlands – new additions to Internal Medicine curriculum:</p>	<p>All – email Frauke with anything you would like to share on the new website</p>

<p>6. Young Internists Surveys</p> <p>Xavier Roux presented the results of the YI working conditions survey: over 500 replies, predominantly female, 35% have a subspecialty as well as Internal Medicine. 40% have no organised teaching programme in their department, 70% report no restriction in working hours, 30% feel frustrated by their job and 37% think they are becoming burnt out. But 50% satisfied overall with their job. Xavier is planning to submit to EJIM for publication.</p> <p>Frauke Weidanz – will present update on End-Of-Life project next time</p>	
<p>7. Portuguese YI Project</p> <p>Agenda point cancelled due to time constraints</p>	
<p>8. Open SC position – elections</p> <p>Burcin Halacli and Ewelina Biskup presented their candidacies for the SC position. Ewa Biskup was elected (with a majority of 7 to 6 votes).</p>	
<p>9. Any other business</p> <p>Roger Duckitt presented the new website – we have moved to a new platform which is much more flexible and interactive. The aim is raise the profile of EFIM and the YI group and to enable capture of individual user data. There is a link to the journal and the EFIM and YI sited have been integrated.</p>	<p>All – please send feedback and comments to Roger and Frauke. Roger /Frauke to send out invitation to database and then official email to all national societies once initial glitches have been addressed.</p>

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